

REMARKS

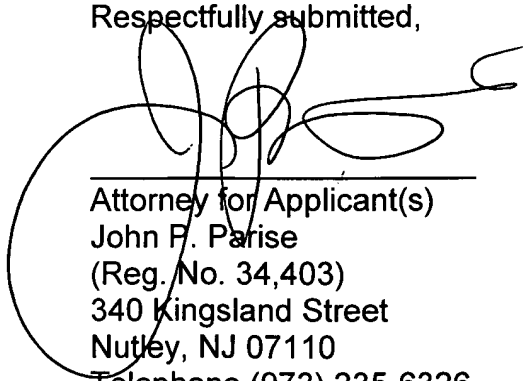
Claims 1-30 were pending in the subject application. Claims 28 and 30 have been cancelled hereinabove, without prejudice to filing such claims in a future continuing patent application. Accordingly, claims 1-27 and 29 are pending in the subject application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments.

In the Office Action, claim 28 was withdrawn from consideration in part and rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claim has been cancelled hereinabove. Accordingly, the objection/rejection to the claim is now moot. Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The claim has been cancelled hereinabove. Accordingly, the rejection to the claim is now moot.

Claims 1-27 and 29 have previously been allowed. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in furthering prosecution, applicants request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the number below.

No fee, other than the fee for a one-month extension of time, is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,



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